

Minutes of the regular Durand City Council meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Durand City Hall.

Mayor Brands called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brian Boggs, Mayor Jeff Brands, Deb Doyle, Rich Folaron, Pat O'Connor, Sara Pettit

Absent: Nick Florindi

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Boggs moved, Pettit supported to approve the agenda as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Pettit moved, Folaron supported to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 7, 2023 as presented.

Carried

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Doyle moved, O'Connor supported to approve bills number 56447-56605.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Pettit

NAYS: None

Carried

HEARING OF REPRESENTATIVES AND CITIZENS PRESENT:

Shelly Ochodnicki, 494 N. Hintz Rd. Caledonia Township. She thanked the Council for "doing what is right for your community" in not supporting the Halo Project.

Danette Bancroft, 8104 E. Prior Rd. She asked what the City has planned for the Reid Road property.

Obert Smith, 106 W. Oakland St., He said that he agreed with Ms. Ochodnicki's comments and asked about the repairs done on the railroad tracks.

CITY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Doyle said that the city does not repair the railroad tracks. If and when the crossings are repaired it is done by the railroad.

Brands said that the plan for Reid Road is for single-family homes and that has been our goal since 2005.

O'Connor thanked everyone for their support throughout the recent Halo/SEDP issues.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

Doyle moved, Pettit supported to approve the Proclamation proclaiming September 18th to 24th, 2023, National Rail Safety Week and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Carried

Doyle moved, Folaron supported to approve the Mayor's Appointment of Joyce Zick to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARING for “2023 Misdemeanor Reversion Ordinance”

Mayor Brands opened the Public Hearing at 6:47 p.m.

John Matejewski asked what this ordinance means.

Mayor Brands closed the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Boggs moved, O’Connor supported to adopt the “2023 Misdemeanor Reversion Ordinance” as presented.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O’Connor, Pettit, Boggs

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, O’Connor supported to approve the invoice from Perrin Construction for repair of the WWTP driveway in the amount of \$4,610.00.

YEAS: Doyle, Folaron, O’Connor, Pettit, Boggs, Mayor Brands

NAYS: None

Carried

Doyle moved, Pettit supported to approve the revisions to the City of Durand Employee Personnel Policy Manual.

Doyle moved, Pettit supported to amend the motion to include days and hours of operation to be approved by Council.

YEAS: Folaron, O’Connor, Pettit, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle

NAYS: None

Carried

Boggs moved, Folaron supported to approve the first option to extend the contract with SESSA at the current rate until December 31, 2023.

YEAS: O’Connor, Pettit, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron

NAYS: None

Carried

O’Connor moved, Boggs supported to approve the invoice from Michigan Kenworth in the amount of \$4,334.01 for emergency repairs to dump truck #650.

YEAS: Pettit, Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O’Connor

NAYS: None

Carried

O’Connor moved, Folaron supported to approve the updated fee schedule as presented.

YEAS: Boggs, Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O’Connor, Pettit

NAYS: None

Carried

Discussion of Library needs: The Council took no formal action but agreed that the repairs of the roof, front wall and over hangs at the library need to be completed and the Shiawassee District Library have committed to paying for half of the repairs in their next fiscal year. City Manager will go out for bids on the project.

Folaron moved, O’Connor supported to purchase a golf cart from Jason Hartz in the amount of \$5,000 and to authorize the City Manager to sell the old city owned golf cart.

YEAS: Mayor Brands, Doyle, Folaron, O'Connor, Boggs
NAYS: Pettit
Carried

CITIZENS SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:
None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief Hartz reports that Wednesday Night Live wrapped up, Candyce Wolsfeld, Chamber Director did a great job with the summer events. Nate Kirby is back as a part time police officer and recently hired two additional part time police officers as well. He continues to work with the City Manager on getting a school resource officer in the Durand Area Schools.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Doyle: She said that the Director of the craft show did not have the food truck park in the location that she told the council she would; he was parked on the grass which is not allowed.

Boggs: Nothing to add.

Pettit: Nothing to add.

Folaron: He asked if there was a fee charged to the Director to hold the craft fair. CM said yes, \$200.00.

O'Connor: He thanked the residents for coming to tonight's meeting.

Brands: He said that our events are very good in Durand. He thanked Candyce Wolsfeld, Chamber Director, for all the events that she plans.

Mayor Brands adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jeffrey Brands, Mayor

Mindy McKay, City Clerk